



Jennifer Waskosky Olson

July 22, 1979 - February 18, 2013

Jennifer L. Waskosky Olson, 33, of Bourbonnais, passed away Monday (Feb. 18, 2013) at the University of Chicago, after her valiant lifelong battle with Cystic Fibrosis. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. Friday until the 7 p.m. funeral service at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Her childhood friend, the Rev. Chad Ozee, will officiate.

Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Maternity BVM Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Mrs. Olson was a figure skating instructor at the Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena and the Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena in Kankakee. She worked at Riverside Medical Center as a switchboard operator. She was born July 22, 1979, in Kankakee, the daughter of Thomas and Lisa Latham Waskosky. She was a 1997 graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and attended Kankakee Community College. She was a competitive figure skater and had the heart of a champion. She loved to bake and was renowned for her cheesecake and red velvet cake. She also loved watching movies and reading. She was a talented seamstress and enjoyed making costumes for her students' competitions and ice shows. She enjoyed showing her family's mastiff, Talladega, in dog shows, winning "Best in Breed" in the Quad Cities. She was devoted to her brother, Porter.

Surviving are her husband, John Olson, of Bradley, whom she married Oct. 11, 2003, in Kankakee; parents, of Bourbonnais; one brother, Porter Waskosky, of Bradley; mother-in-law, Peggy Olson; sister-in-law, Christine Olson and her fiance, Jerry Hamilton; maternal grandparents, Porter and Brenda Latham, of Vienna; maternal great-grandmother, LaVerne Lampley, of Vienna; paternal grandmother, Marjorie Waskosky, of Kankakee; aunts, Lori Latham, of Bradley, and Thresa Reato, of Momence; uncles, James (Julia) Waskosky, of Bourbonnais, and Ken (Jody) Waskosky, of Illinois; cousins, Riley and Melissa Mayer, Lia Smietanski, and Jayme and Neil Harvey; her dog, Phoebe; many great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins from the Latham family; lifelong family friends, Pam Gulczynski, Jamie Morris and Sarah Foley; and special friend, Lloyd Klopp.

She was preceded in death by her beloved cousin, PV1 Zachary Mayer; great-grandparents, William and Ruth Latham; great-great-grandmother, Bertha Veach; aunts and uncles, Dixie Lynn Latham, William and Mary Latham, Thomas Latham, Betty McClanahan, Nancy Arseneau and Pam Latham.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

FEB **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity Cemetery
Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Jen was a Special Gift to my skater girls and the community!*

She was a talented skater and performer who shared her experience

With so many aspiring kids while she was here.

We are grateful to have known this Angel

Brad Mietzner - March 11, 2013 at 11:22 AM



“ *David Jones lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



David Jones - March 08, 2013 at 02:47 PM



Tom/Lisa: I am so sorry for your loss! I had been following Jennifer on Facebook and she had a wonderful personality. I know that you will miss her deeply but I also know that you can have some precious memories that you will cherish forever. It must be comforting to know that you were there by her side when she left this world. We love you and are praying for you.

David Jones - March 08, 2013 at 02:50 PM

CA

“ *Carla lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



Carla - February 24, 2013 at 08:09 AM

CA

We were all so blessed to have Jen in our lives...Love, Peace and My Deepest Sympathy to Lisa, Tom, Porter and All the Family...May you feel the Lord's loving embrace now and always.

Carla - February 24, 2013 at 08:22 AM

VD

“ *I am so saddened to hear about your loss...I cannot imagine your grief at this time. Praying for peace for your family.*

Verla Decker - February 24, 2013 at 06:28 AM


Jennifer Marques

“ *Jennifer Marques lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



Jennifer Marques - February 23, 2013 at 10:26 PM


Jennifer Marques

I never had the pleasure of meeting Jen, but the way Lisa and Tom talked about her tells me that she was an angel that walked among us, and now has her wings, and she is looking down from Heaven smiling upon her family and friends, and giving the guidance from Heaven that she gave while she was here. She will be truly missed but never forgotten!

Jennifer Marques - February 23, 2013 at 10:29 PM

PG

“ Patrick Gleeson lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson



Patrick Gleeson - February 23, 2013 at 09:14 PM

KM

“ Your soul is free to fly now that it is released from earthly restraints. With deepest sympathy, Mark, Kathy & Tim Murray and Trina Rizzuto



Kathy Murray - February 23, 2013 at 01:06 PM

 Kathy Grevenstuk

“ Kathy Grevenstuk lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson



Kathy Grevenstuk - February 23, 2013 at 09:34 AM

 Kathy Grevens

All my love Lisa...

Kathy Grevenstuk - February 23, 2013 at 09:36 AM



Charles
Harvey

“ Jennifer could light up a room with her smile and I miss hearing her distinctive voice on the phones and over the paging system at Riverside. She fought like the little tigress she was, until she could no more.

Charles Harvey - February 23, 2013 at 09:17 AM

VO

“ Virginia O'Connor lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson



Virginia O'Connor - February 22, 2013 at 10:52 PM

SP

“ Susan & David Pridemore lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson



Susan & David Pridemore - February 22, 2013 at 04:39 PM

DG

“ Dave And Jane Gorski lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson



Dave and Jane Gorski - February 22, 2013 at 11:53 AM

CN

“ *My deepest sympathy for the loss of a truly wonderful person goes out to all her family. Jen taught my granddaughter skating in Kankakee and she was always so sweet to her. It is so hard to believe she will not be there when her younger sister starts her lessons. She will be greatly missed by all I am sure.*

Celeste Noel - February 21, 2013 at 03:11 PM

WW

“ *WALT & DEBBIE WALL lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



WALT & DEBBIE WALL - February 21, 2013 at 02:21 PM

MD

“ *Malanda Dixon lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



malanda dixon - February 21, 2013 at 10:50 AM

MC

“ *Our family is praying and thinking of your family .Jennifer seemed to be such an amazing girl ! We are deeply sorry for your loss. Mary & Larry Conwill*

Mary & Larry Conwill - February 21, 2013 at 09:29 AM

MA

“ *My prayers and love are sent to the family. I always admired your strength, courage and love for Jennifer! She will always have a special place in my heart . God Blessings upon your family!*
Marybeth Edwards R.N.

mARYbETH - February 21, 2013 at 08:13 AM



“ *So sorry for your families loss.*

Martin White - February 20, 2013 at 08:59 PM



“ *Martin White lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



Martin White - February 20, 2013 at 08:57 PM

CB

“ *Tom & Lisa,*
Words cannot express my emotions or heal your pain. Please know you are in my prayers. I have so many amazing memories of my friendship with Jen. She was such a fighter, but I am thankful she is now at peace. I will miss her.

Christa (Ozee) Baker

Christa Baker - February 20, 2013 at 08:56 PM

TI

“ i have fond memories of growing up with jennifer. she was a kind person. my heart goes out to your family.

tim - February 20, 2013 at 08:05 PM

RK

“ Rhonda Kable sent a virtual gift in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson



Rhonda Kable - February 20, 2013 at 04:55 PM

BW

“ Lisa and family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Jennifer. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. "And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning or crying or pain; the first things have passed away." Revelation 21:4



Love to you all, Brenda Weaver

Brenda Weaver - February 20, 2013 at 12:53 PM

DD

“ John Im so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Darcy Drummer



Darcy Drummer - February 20, 2013 at 12:26 PM

DF

“ Jen was a true Fighter with no complaints.
May God wrap his arms around all of you
during this difficult time. In memories she will
live forever.



Diane Furlong

Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you wake in the morning hush,
I am the swift, uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
(Do not stand at my grave and cry.
I am not there, I did not die!)
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Diane Furlong - February 20, 2013 at 12:13 PM

SH

“ Jen had such a vibrant personality, and was so strong as she
fiercely battled her illness and beat so many odds. We are so so
sorry for your loss Tom, Lisa, Porter, and John. Our thoughts and
prayers are with you.

Steve and Corie Hart - February 20, 2013 at 11:03 AM

SD

“ *Sharon D. lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



Sharon D. - February 20, 2013 at 11:02 AM

BB

“ *Porter, Brenda & Family - May God comfort you during this time. We are remembering you in thought and prayer.*
Brian Bailey
Vienna, Illinois

Brian Bailey - February 20, 2013 at 10:45 AM

RK

Lisa, Tom and Porter I still remember little Jens smiling face when her and the rest of the bad girls club, spent the night at My house or were cheering for thier Bourbonnais Bears . Dave, I and The Girls are Praying for all of You and want You to know how much we still Love all of You!!

Rhonda Kable - February 20, 2013 at 04:54 PM

Jl

“ *Jim lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Waskosky Olson*



jim - February 20, 2013 at 10:43 AM

Jl

“ *jennifer was a great person.lisa,you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.we will never forget her.caryl and jim foy*

jim - February 20, 2013 at 10:42 AM